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CHARLEROI SCHOOL PUPILS DONATE TO CHRISTMAS FUND

Generous Amount Given to Provide Presents for Boys in Service

BOXES TO GO TO FRANCE

The very commendable movement to provide American soldiers in France with a Christmas remembrance was given considerable impetus during last week, by the school children of Charleroi. A ready and willing response was made, after the project had been explained. Each child seemed imbued with but one idea, and that was, to demonstrate to the gallant boys who have, at considerable sacrifice, gone forth to represent the United States in this great war against autocracy, that, although thousands of miles away, and in a strange land, they are not forgotten. Consequently, considerable cheer will be diffused among the boys of General Pershing's command by the action of the pupils of Charleroi's schools. Each child was privileged to make the kind of donation which circumstances would permit. No one was assessed. Any amount, from a penny upward, was cheerfully accepted. All who had a part in the work are to be congratulated on its ultimate success and the return postal cards from the recipients of the Christmas packages will be eagerly awaited by the school children. Each package was marked with the name of the school which sent it, together with the number of the room making the gift. If there is one thing which would give added pleasure to the children, it is the culmination of their hope that some of the Charleroi packages might fall into the hands of some of our local boys.

Mrs. Walter J. Byerly, chairman of the local committee, who was delighted with the results achieved among the children of our schools, reports receipts as follows:

Ninth Street Building	$63.74
Fifth Street Building	$40.57
Second Street Buildng	27.64
High School	24.10
Crest Avenue Building	21.88
Junior High School	17.10
Total	$195.03

It is possible that additional subscriptions will increase the above amount. The number of packages made up by the teachers of the various buildings is as follows: Ninth street, 42; Fifth street, 24; Second street, 18; Crest avenue, 14. Each package represented an outlay of $1.50. The balance of the funds has been placed in the hands of the local chairman.

An Invitation

Every prospective buyer of Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, cut Glass, Silverware, Chinaware, Ivoryware, Tableware, Umbrellas, Etc., are invited to inspect our complete lines. We will be pleased to reserve any article for you for Christmas delivery. Select now while the assortments are complete. Porter's Jewelry Store.

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Attention Voters.

As a last appeal I earnestly ask your support a the election tomorrow. I have served the borough a number of years as councilman and I have given my very best efforts to the work and feel that the results have been for the best interests of Charleroi. In asking you to supoprt me for the office of Burgess, I promise the same diligent attention as I have given to the office of councilman. Your support will be appreciated.

John K. Hein.

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FOODSTUFFS AT HALF PRICE

That Is What Is Promised to the Pittsburgh People

REDUCTION OF 50 PER CENT

Pittsburg consumers are to have a reduction of 50 per cent in the price of produce this week. This reduction is scheduled to begin on Wednesday at which time the Public Safety Committee of Allegheny county will begin to empty 1100 cars of produce which are standing on the railroad sidings in the Pittsburg yards, going to waste.

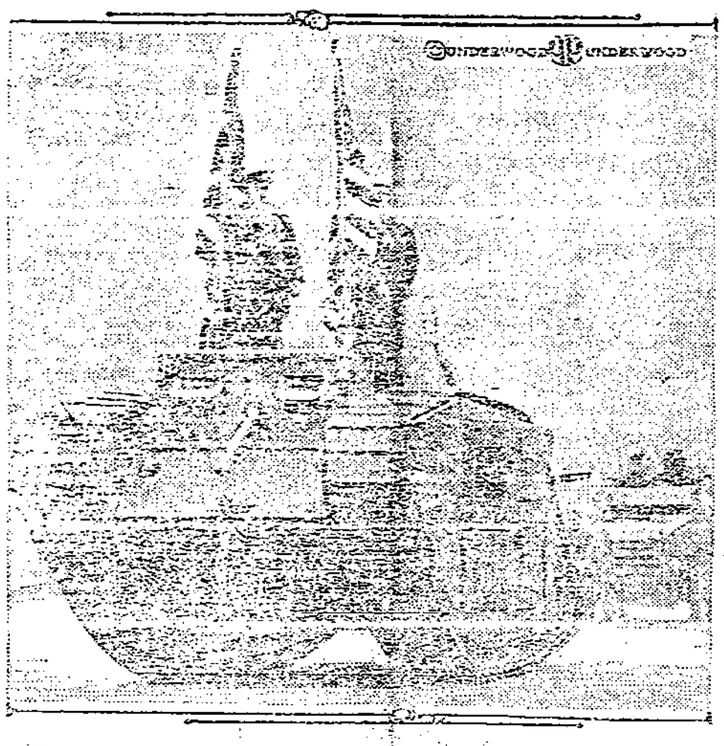
Under direction of the committee a score or more of trucks will be utilized in peddling the produce throughout the city and surrounding boroughs, selling it to the people at half the former price. It is said that produce commission men and retail grocers will assist in the movement and it is to be hoped it is true.

It has been contended for a long time that produce was in abundant quatities throughout the country and the presence of 1100 cars on sidings in the Pittsburg yards indicate that the reports are true. In spite of this abundance, however the people have been sysematically held up for higher prices on the plea that shipments were hard to get, because of embargoes. The presence of such a large number of cars in Pittsburg loaded with produce appears togive the lie to such statements.

It is hoped that Charleroi consumers will be able to profit by the reduction of prices which the people of Pittsburg are to experience on Wednesday next. It will be well to watch the market and note the prices which are paid by Pittsburg people and the hope is expressed that the people of the outlying districts may likewise profit by the action of the Public Safety Committee of Allegheny County.

Mr. and Mrs. George May Hill and children of Munhall visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue Sunday.

British Tank in New York to Help Liberty Loan Before Going to France



Probably the most picturesque object in the recent Liberty Loan parade in New York was a British tank which was sent to this country by the British to aid in the campaign. In the great procession the tank was cheered by thousands as it passed along Fifth Avenue under its own power. The American and British flags floated from its top, and beside Capt. Haig of the English army, who is in charge of the tank, a United States army officer rode, each behind the flag of his country. More than $100,000 worth of bonds were sold from this tank during the day, and the total sale probably was more than $200,000.

CHRISTMAS SMOKES MUST BE SENT SOON

MAIL'S TOBACCO FUND

Previously reported	$147.00
Mrs. John R. Winnett	.50
Harry DeHaven	.25
John Malibone	1.00
Total	$148.75

If you want the boys in the trenches to receive your contribution of tobacco before Christmas, your donation must be made on or before Thursday. After that date it will be too late. All contributions made to this fund prior to this date will be available for smokes kits to be sent to France in time to be distributed to the boys who are now seeing actual warfare in the front line of battle. Already United States soldiers have felt the touch of the enemy—killed, wounded and captured. Can we not give a littlemoney to help along with this splendid fund?

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. James-on Fifth street.

Marble and Granite Display

Two car loads of granite and marble monuments, just unloaded, are now on display at the show room of the M. T. Crowley Marble and Granite Works, 325 McKean avenue. 102-tf-*

DEMOCRAT TICKET
Election Nov. 6, 1917
Justice of the Peace
Fred W. Cooper
George W. Risbeck
Burgess.
S. L. Woodward
Tax Collector.
Sam A. Michener
Council.
Delbert Carson
W. R. Davis
Walter Jack
School Director.
Ignatius Birken
William L. Evans
William C. Phillips.

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A birthday party was held in honor of Mary C. Guest at her home 208 McKean avenue Friday evening. Quite a number of school friends were present. A pleasant evening was spent in games, music and singing. Luncheon was served.

$100 Reward.

A certified check in the above amount has been placed in the Bank of Charleroi as a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person found voting illegally at the election tomorrow.

John K. Hein.

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LITTLE INTEREST MANIFESTED IN ELECTION FOR TOMORROW

An Off Year and War News Appear to Make Voters Apathetic

CONTESTS ARE NOT SPIRITED

Tomorrow is election day, but judging from the comparaticely little interest taken it promises to be rather a tame affair. Being an "off" year, with the United States engaged in a great war and with no particular contests of any kind on hand, the public has seemed to be rather apathetic. Considerable interest was manifested at the primaries, but after the candidates had been nominated, the people semed to lose sight of the importance of the general election and politics have been but little discussed since the September election day.

In the county it is generally expected that the entire Republican ticket will be elected. Judge McIlvaine has no opposition for President Judge of the county courts on the non-Partisan ticket and it is only a question of the size of his vote. For Controller, Mr. Underwood is expected to run with the ticket, as is Mr. Valentour, the candidate for Recorder. The candidates for jury commissioner and director of the [illegible] a good vote which will give them a safe majority.

Locally thecontest for Burgess seems to be the office around which centralizes the greatest amount of interest. Both candidates are active and it is anticipated that a good vote will be polled for this office. For council, school directors and the offices of justice of the peace the contest seems to be comparatively

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.....(X)

At a meeing held in the Borough building Thursday evening November 1, the Republican candidates were present and pledged their support for the straight Republican ticket both County and Borough.

Election Nov. 6, 1917
County Controller
T. J. Underwood
Recorder of Deeds
August Valentour
Director of the Poor
R. C. Buchanan
Jury Commissioner
J. Warren Vankirk
Justice of the Peace (2)
Paul R. Nutt
R. J. Whitehead
Burgess (1)
J. K. Hein
Tax Collector (1)
Fred W. Brady
Council (4)
Joseph Brand
John J. Lentz
George W. Moody
Charles S. VanVoorhis
School Director (3)
Carl Mountsier
James S. Russell
Fred C. Stahlman
Assessor (1)
Charles Feste

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WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW

Body of Corporal Tomlinson Will Reach Here in the Morning

INTERMENT AT PHILADELPHIA

Corporal Thos. H. Tomlinson, 32 years old, Company B, One Hundred and Third Field Signal Battalion, who died Saturday, Nov. 3rd of cerebral hemorrhage at the Base Hospital of the [illegible]th Division, was the first soldier from Western Pennsylvania to meet death at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Last Thursday he was detailed with Sergeant W. A. Rattleman of Pittsburg to feed a wire into the wire reel cart north of the camp at Lake Aumond. Corporal Tomlinson, with a leather protector in his hand, was assigned to walk his hose along guiding the wire into the reel cart. The motion of the horse and the contact with the wire cause friction on the animal's body with the result that it was burned. The horse reared and jumped and young Tomlinson was thrown, alighting on his head. He was removed to the camp and attended by division surgeons. He succumbed Saturday.

Corporal Tomlinson was formerly a telegraph operator, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was a resident of Charleroi for eighteen years and has been connected with several business enterprises. He was well acquainted, and made numerous friends through his fine personaljty wherever he went. Corporal Tomlinson was a member of the Knights of Malta and the Monessen Order of Elks. Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers one of whom, Elmer, is in the United States Navy, who has been located at Richmond, Va., and two sisters. Services will be held from the late home Tuesday Nov. 6, at 5 o'clock and the Monessen Order of Elks will hold ritualistic services at 6 o'clock. The remains will be shipped on the 7:01 train for interment at Philadelphia.

The remains of Corporal Tomlinson will arrive in Charleroi Tuesday morning at 9:38, being accompanied by Sergeant Hull, of Ambridge and Corporal G. A. Kunze of Swissvale.

Majestic Theatre Today

Gladys Brockwell in a six-part version of "CONSCIENCE"

John K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Velvet, Stag, Serene, tin	10c
Five Brothers, Cutty Pipe and Weymans	10c

New Cigarette Prices

Lucky Strike per pkg.	10c
Camel, Piedmont, Helmar, Chesterfield, Royal Nestor, pkg	11c
Mogul, Murad, Fatima, Naturals, Omar, Melachrino, pkg	16c
Mecca, Hassan, Zira, Recruits, Sweet Caporal, pkg	5c

MIGHTS' BOOK STORE

Coyle Theatre Today

Elsie Ferguson in "Barbary Sheep"

Gold Filled Jewelry

Our gold filled jewelry is standardized jewelry. All fancy patterns are hand engraved or engine turned, not die stamped. These beautiful designs may be had in regular or the new and popular green gold.

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in a variety of dainty designs at
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Circle and Spot Pins at $1.00 and $1.25

Bar Pins and Cuff Pins at $1 and $1.25

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FIVE BILLION FOR LIBERTY

Raising five billion dollars [illegible] Second Liberty Loan was a wonderful achievement. That is to say, wonderful because it is [illegible] amount, but not so wonderful after all when the tremendous resources of this country are taken into consideration. McAdoo organization was perfect and the plan worked out admirably; every part of the great dragnet that was spread performing its functions as well or better than was expected.

Five billions is a greater sum for any one of the belligerents to raise than it is for this country. But the enemy's foot there is on the doorsill and the danger is therefore more imminent. Hence, it was necessary to present the picture of Europe's suffering before American eyes to let them see what was in store for them. This was one of the educational features of the campaign and right graphically was it portrayed to the finish. Here McAdoo's knowledge of American tone and temper played a conspicuous part in performing the task.

Germany should not get the idea that five bilions measures either American wealth or American love of country. It is hard to estimate the former and you can't put any price on the latter. And as for our abhorence of her despicable warfare against the Liberty of the world, it is beyond discussion. Then one hundred million of Americans and fifty billion would be a small sum if necessary to put the kaiser out of business. What is fifty billions to the American people when their Liberty is involved?

McAdoo's mode of financing, by which in successive bond issues he rakes in the wealth only to let it out again, can be continued almost indefinitely. Meanwhile Germany is being impoverished more and more every day, and should be, by this time, nearing her limit. In the wearing down process of playing pide against we have got the biggest pile. And when it comes to the actual fighting qualities of the American soldier, as compared with the Germans, with no disparagement to German valor, we shall rest contented to risk the American against all oncomers. However, we shall soon see what we shall see.

The Second Liberty Loan was a grand triumph of financial skill. Patriotic fervor was raised to the highest pitch. The generous response to eloquent appeals shows that America counts expense as nothing when democracy is in danger. Georgia and Augusta sustained their parts well and went clear over their quotas. And everybody is happy and they have got a right to be.

THE ITALIAN FRONT

The Italians are said to have three million men under arms and that the loss of the thousands of prisoners to the German army will not affect the real fighting of the Roman legions. The allies have promised to assist in strengthening the defense of the Italian lines, and give every possible aid in stemming the tide of the German flood, which seems about to engulf northern Italy.

We may be hearing the worst of the defeat of the Italians; in fact a great deal of our information comes from German sources, and it will not be censored we may be sure. Every item that can be magnified will be sent out with a view of disheartening the allied forces now battling the Teutonic military machine. That efforts in this direction will be unavailing is very evident from the fact that France, England and the United States refuse to be stampeded by the reports coming from the Italian front. The success of the German arms in that sector will only have a tendency to cause the allied forces to exert even a greater energy that the cause for which we contend shall prevail. The Italians, like the Russians, may be eliminated and made a negligible factor in the great war now under way, but in the final analysis Germany and Austria will have to settle with the triple alliance of Great Britain, France and the United States, with what help may come from Belgium and other smaller states. The titanic battle of the war [illegible] to be fought and it [illegible] When that conflict shall take place [illegible] representing [illegible] the German military [illegible] forty-five [illegible]

OUR SERVICE

[illegible] to the point that during the week of [illegible] for the benefit of the Y. M. C. [illegible] country.

[illegible] the people are being solicited [illegible] too many [illegible] this is the [illegible] to take care of all of them [illegible] than our means will stand.

We have been asked to give much, but we ought to realize that before the war is over we will have to give more. If we stop for a moment to consider we will realize that the hardships of war have not yet touched us. We are in want for nothing; we have plenty of food; plenty of clothing; our fuel requirements are being taken care of, while our amusements are just as numerous as ever. We have given of our labor and our money to help along the Red Cross and the Liberty Loans, but we have only begun the war; we are not yet into it that depth which the government contemplates, and which will take millions of men and billions of money to care for. It may be that we will be called upon to give until it hurts, but why should we complain, when the millions of men who will be called to service have offered to give their lives if necessary that the principles for which we are fighting shall triumph.

Let us not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to the soldiers and the sailors and the marines. We should respond to every call for their comfort and welfare and by so doing show that the folks behind the line in front are ready for any service or sacrifice they may be called upon to make.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

The suggestion made by Mr. Goazion in Saturday's Mail was at once timely and appropriate. Not that any solicitation for funds in Charleroi in the past have been unauthorized or for an unworthy cause, but on the grounds that the future is likely to bring about different conditions, and that we should be prepared for them.

He very truthfully says that the United States is just entering upon a great war; we will be called upon many times in the coming months to make contributions to many worthy causes in which thesoldier is vitally interested; that these solicitations will cme at rather frequent intervals, and it may be that many people will be of the opinion that they might become burdensome.

In a measure this will be true, but at the same time it is well for us to remember that the men who have enlisted are ready to sacrifice all, while we are asked to give money, and possible a little bit of service. Whatever the demands may be they will have to be met. The arrangements now being made for the entertainment and the betterment of social and moral conditions about all these military camps must be sustained. Many features the government does not provide for, are those the folks back home—those to are the beneficiaries of the sacrifices of the men in the ranks—must take care of.

To do this properly every community will be called upon to bear its proportionate share of expense, and as these solicitations will come at regular intervals it would seem to be good business to put all solicitations under one head, and allow no solicitors to collect money without the sanction of the parent body. In this way all chances of deception would be avoided, and those who would take advantage of a situation to get a little easy money would be balked. The Burgess of the town with a number of leading business and professional men would make an ideal committee to regulate all such collections, together with taking care of all details in connection with different funds we may be called upon to contribute to.

THE OLD MAN'S "COME-BACK

If the present war does nothing else for this country, it will be almost worth its cost when it shall have altered the national view on the elderly man in business.

For years past the business world has clamored for 'young blood?" In almost every line gray hairs have been taboo, though they might have adorned heads filled with the wisdom of Solomon. At every turn one has been met by young men scarce out of college in positions of the highest honor and trust—positions that in many instances should have had the attention that only age and experience can give.

One potent cause for this state of affairs has been the tremendous pace at which business has been going for the last few decades. Along with this has gone the idea that the elderly man cannot stand the pace—forgetting that in order to accomplish the maximum achievement it was not necessary for him to maintain the paces, as his skill of long experience, counted for more than the dash and fire of the younger men.

This state of affairs has been carried to an extreme, and the really capable men of the country have been in numberless instances displaced by younger men with very little to recommend them save their "dash."

But the tide has turned. With the calling of the younger men to the colors, the managers of the business are compelled to have recourse to the despised gray hairs.

We repeat that if the war shall bring no other benefit than to restore to use a just appreciation of age and experience it will have been almost worth the cost.

The world will be made safe for democracy only when the world has been made safe for the United States.

LITTLE INTEREST MANIFESTED

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[illegible] although it is possible that a large vote may be polled.

Generally speaking though the citizens are so thoroughly interested in the war, as well as the various undertakings which has brought about, that local politics have been a secondary consideration and this feeling is apt to have considerable influence as to the size of the vote.

Broken Leg Set by Concrete.

A laborer in Columbus, O., had his broken leg partially reset by the concrete which had been dumped on him from a bucket. The blow of the bucket broke his leg, and the concrete, flowing out, made a firm cast around the limb. The doctors who finally got to work on the broken bone had first to remove the concrete, and report that the cast had done its work very well, even helping to reset the bone.

Found That Hogs Could Jump.

A Geary county (Kan.) farmer built a "hog-tight" fence around his feed lot just before he received a big shipment of Arkansas "razorbacks." The next morning the hogs were scattered all over the county. It was found that most of them could clear the fence with a standing jump, although some of them were compelled to make a running jump of it. But all of them could jump it.

French Generals Who Share Glory of Brilliant Victory Over Huns at Verdun

These are the heroes of the recent French drive on Verdun: General Riols de Fonclare, recently promoted to Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, and General Corvisart, whose divisions captured Dead Man's Hill in one of the most brilliant battles of the war. They led the successful French forces as they drove the Germans from their supposedly impregnable positions. The picture was taken a short distance from the battle lines in a country which has been literally torn to pieces by shells and shrapnel. These generals alone stand responsible for the remarkable fight of the French at this important point on the western front.

"OLD PARR'S" AGE BELIEVED

Said to Have Lived to Be 152 Years Old—Lived Under Reigns of Ten Princes.

"Old Parr" was an Englishman whose proper name was Thomas Parr and who broke the modern record by living to the ripe old age of one hundred and fifty-two years, an exchange says. The British cyclopedia gives this account of him:

"Thomas Parr (1488-1635), English centenarian, known as 'Old Parr,' is reputed to have been born in 1483 at Winnington, Shropshire, the son of a farmer. In 1500 he is said to have left his home and entered domestic service and in 1518 to have returned to Winnington to occupy the small holding he then inherited on the death of his father. In 1563, at the age of eighty, he married his first wife, by whom he had a son and a daughter, both of whom died in infancy. At the age of one hundred and twenty-two, his first wife having died, he married again. His vigor seems to have been unimpaired, and when one hundred and thirty years old he is said to have thrashed corn. In 1635 his fame reached the ears of Thomas Howard, earl of Arundel, who resolved to exhibit him at court, and had him conveyed to London in a specially constructed litter. Here he was presented to King Charles I, but the change of air and diet soon affected him and the old man died at Lord Arundel's house in London on the 14th of November, 1635. He was buried in the south transept of Westminster abbey, where the inscription over his grave reads: 'Tho. Parr, of ye county of Salopp. Born in anno 1483. He lived in ye reigns of ten princes, viz: King Edward 4, King Edward 5, King Richard 3, King Henry 7, King Henry 8, King Edward 6, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, King James and King Charles, aged 152 years, and was buried here November 5, 1635.'"

That the son of a small farmer who had started in life as a hired man (the British cyclopedia says he left home and entered domestic service), should have been buried in Westminster abbey, shows that the story of his great age was believed.

Liberty of the Lawmakers.

Members of both houses of congress have the privilege of freedom of speech and debate in their respective houses. That is, only the house itself can call members to account for their utterances in that body. A senator or a representative cannot be prosecuted in the courts for libel or slander on account of any utterances in the house to which he belongs, or for the official publication of it.

Mind Study.

A great part of our study must be of the mind, since this controls the hand, and, as we have already seen, the eye and the ear have to be considered also. In production the hand is controlled by the mind and sense is paramount. In distribution the mind is the great factor and the hand but a minor servant.—Industrial Management Magazine.

Didn't Settle.

Fontaine Fox hurried in this morning and returned two cigarettes to us. He neglected, however, to return the match.—Chicago Post.

Wisdom Comes With Years.

A boy has to be at least fifteen years old before he realizes that actual war looks altogether differently from the military parade.

SOME FAMOUS BATTLE CRIES

"Marmalade Forever," Peculiar Slogan Which Scotch Regiment Originated During Charge.

"Marmalade forever!" This quaint battle cry originated from a certain Scotch regiment during a charge in the present war, says London Answers. "Stand, the Camerons!" is the roar of another regiment of the "kilties," and serves to corroborate the fact that as official reports have it, "the spirit of our troops is excellent."

Among others there is the gallant cry of "St. David's Welsh" uttered by the late Captain Hargest which has been an inspiration to many Welsh bards. It is said to recall that Capt. E. Langdale, whilst encouraging his men with the battle cry of 'Come on, the Leicestershires!' fell on the field. But the Leicestershires did "come on," with disastrous results to the Huns.

We must not forget, however, that famous cry of "Kamerad!" uttered by whole German regiments, which has perhaps, encouraged our men more than any other. There is an amusing tale told of one of our Tommies who, during a charge, was about to give a certain Hun a glimpse of the "great beyond," when up went Fritz's hands.

"Kamerad!" he yelled.

Tommy lowered his bayonet.

"Hang it!" he muttered. "That's the blooming word I was trying to think of when arguing with Nobby Smith!"

RATS MARCH LIKE SOLDIERS

Rodents Have Little Difficulty in Finding Supply of Food, and Adapt Themselves to Conditions.

The ready adaptability of rats to their surroundings is one of the qualities which has enabled them to conquer the world, E. W. Nelson writes in the National Geographic Magazine. On the approach of warm weather in summer large numbers of them leave buildings and resort to fields on farms or to the outskirts of the towns, where the growing vegetation, particularly cultivated plants, affords them an abundant supply until the approach of winter. At the beginning of cold weather they return again to the shelter of buildings, where they find the harvested crops ready for their consumption.

When the food supply suddenly decreases, following a period of plenty during which the rats have greatly increased in numbers, a migratory impulse appears to affect the entire rat population over large areas and a general migration takes place. At such times the rats are extraordinarily bold, swimming rivers without hesitation, and surmounting all other natural obstacles. The first invasion of Europe, when rats swam the Volga, was an instance of this kind. Experiments by the United States public health service have shown that when released in the water of a harbor rats may swim ashore for a distance of 1,500 yards.

One Family "Does Its Bit"

It is not very often that these members of one family take the town by storm simultaneously, but this, says the Christian Science Monitor, is the record of the Geddeses—push-and-go Geddesses, they have been termed. Sir Eric Geddes has not long become first lord of the British admiralty; he has done a great many things and astonished a vast number of people since the war began; his brother, Dr. Campbell Geddes, is now the head of national recruiting on a civilian basis—to be intrusted with the writing of a fresh chapter in the history of recruiting at this stage of the proceedings is in itself the highest testimony to high qualities. The third Geddes to win prominence is the sister of these two brothers, Mrs. Chalmers Watson, who, after performing valuable services in France, has now become commander in chief of the new Women's Auxiliary Army corps, whose numbers will probably quite shortly run into six figures.

Semitic Languages.

Hebrew and Chaldee are sister dialects of a great family of languages to which the name of Semitic has usually been given from the real or supposed descent of the people speaking them from the patriarch Shem. Shem was the eldest son of Noah, born (Genesis 5:32) when his father had attained the age of 500 years. He was ninety-eight years old, married and childless at the time of the deluge. He died at the age of six hundred years.

Measures Speed of Clouds.

The comb nephonscope is a device for measuring the speed of clouds. It consists of an upright brass rod about nine feet long, bearing at its upper end a crosspiece to which a number of equidistant vertical spikes are attached. The observer turns the crosspiece until the cloud appears to travel along the line of spikes and notes the time it takes to pass from spike to spike. This forms a basis from which he reckons the speed.

Rattlers and Their Fangs.

There are four principal kinds of rattlers: Black diamond, mountain, prairie, and Texas. As is commonly known, every kind of rattler is poisonous. At the age of two months the first set of fangs appear. If these are removed, two more sets come, nine days apart. If the third set is removed the rattler is said to be "fixed," and no more fangs appear, consequently the snake is not dangerous.

OLD-STYLE BLOSSOMS PASSE

Were Valuable for Home Remedies in Days of Our Grandmothers and Herb Doctors.

With the exception of some of the dandier spring blossoms, our wild flowers are passed by without comment. Violets, hepaticas, bluebells, trilliums are still sought after and [illegible] the fall asters are gathered by some and the goldenrod is admired, but passing into disrepute on account of its hay-fever aggravations. There was a time, however, when grandmother was young, relates the Ohio State Journal, when most of our common field and wayside flowers were of prime importance in the household, in the shape of family bitters, physics and cureals.

Yarrow, a pest to the farmer and of doubtful beauty even to the wild flower lover, was at one time a most useful herb from which a tea was made that cured all sorts of ailments, from toothache to typhoid fever. From the boneset plant, so common along our streams now, a tea was also made which was a prime favorite in the curing of that common malady, "break-bone fever"—do not laugh—probably what we know today as grippe. Camomile, we call it dog fennel, was brewed into a tea as well, and was used as a tonic and blood purifier. Jamsonweed, a corruption of Jamestown weed, was valued by the settlers of that early village as a narcotic, and is still so used, for that matter. Selfheal, the little close-growing purple-flowered pest of our lawns, was used to relieve sufferers with quinsy and other throat afflictions. This plant belongs to the mint family, and most of the mints were of use medicinally. Pennyroyal, spearmint, Oswego tea, bergamot, catnip and mother-wort were all of value to the simpler of a century or more ago.

CASTE WIELDS AN INFLUENCE

Santals Prefer Starvation Rather Than to Eat Food Cooked by the Brahmins.

Occupation is still preserved among the Indian natives by inheritance and tradition, so that the diversion of labor to industrial pursuits has been an almost impossible task confronting the British government, the National Geographic Magazine observes. The supply of agricultural labor constantly outruns the demand, thus keeping the wage scale extremely low. Caste also prevents people from leaving crowded districts and going to sparsely inhabited regions, of which there are many.

In time of distress the restrictions which caste throws about rescue and relief work would be exasperating if they were not so tragic. For example, in the terrible Orissa famine thousands of Santals perished, in the midst of ample supplies furnished by the government, before it was discovered that there is a peculiar tenet of their faith which forbids them to touch food cooked by Brahmins. It was also discovered that skilled weavers would not go to the ordinary relief work camps for fear that the hard labor would cause them to lose the delicacy of touch which they value so highly.

Ale and Porter.

Ale is fermented beverage, said to have been originated in Egypt. Brewed like beer and differs from it chiefly in having smaller proportion of hops. Alcoholic content increases with its age. Porter is dark colored malt liquor of English origin, so called, it is said, because it was once favorite drink of London porters. Brewed from highly kilned brown malt; sometimes colored with burnt sugar or other coloring material. Essentially about same as ale.

Meaning of Western Reserve.

The phrase Western Reserve means northern Ohio, but it originated in Connecticut. When Connecticut, in 1786, ceded her western lands to the United States she reserved a large tract adjoining Pennsylvania, now forming the northeastern corner of Ohio, which for several years was called the Connecticut reserve and then Western Reserve. Complete cession of the reservation was made in 1800.

Cliff Dwellers Still Exist.

Although the earliest cliff dwellers were prehistoric, cave dwellers have existed in almost every age of the world. The ancient Horites derived their name from their practice of living in caverns and subteranean abodes. An Arab tribe in Palestine still occupies the mountainous caves, and a tribe of cliff dwellers has been recently found in Mexico.

Penitential Psalms.

The term "penitential psalms" is applied to a group of seven psalms on account of the marked penitence they show. They are the Sixth, the Thirty-second, the Thirty-eighth, the Fifty-first, the One Hundred and Second, the One Hundred and Thirtieth and the One Hundred and Forty-third. The distinction of these from other psalms began in the early Christian times.

His Only Solution.

Richard was playing with a toy machine. His mother heard an unusual commotion and hurried to the room. On entering she found poor Pete, his doll, with a broken head. In reply to her questions as to what had happened to Pete, Richard only shook his head and mumbled each time: "Richie, ruff-neck."

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ADDRESS ON HIS ARMY EXPERIENCE

Captain H. J. Repman, of the 322d Regiment, Field Artillery, located at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, who is home an a few days' furlough, delivered a very interesting address to the members of the First Presbyterian Sunday School at its regular session, yesterday morning. The observance of "Go-to-Sunday-School" day drew out an increased attendance and Captain Repman's remarks were listened to with rapt attention. The speaker discussed at considerable length the condition of the men in the cantonments and spoke of the value of the training, both as regards physical improvement and moral development. In the course of his remarks,d Captain Repman stated very emphatically that there was not a single man in the Ohio cantonment who was not ten times better off today, than he was the day he arrived in camp. Every precaution is resorted to to safeguard the men against all forms of vice, and the temptation for drink has been practically eliminated. Unusual atention is being given to the physical condition of the men. Men who are suffering from any form of disease, or who otherwise are not the physical specimens they ought to be, arerejected and discharged, or otherwise provided for, and this without their seeing the interior of the barracks. None but men of satisfactory health conditions are permitted to enter the cantonment. Medical inspection of the sleeping quarters of the soldiers is made twice a week, while it is the duty of the officer of the day to inspect them daily. No chance is taken with disease at all. Each soldier sleeps in a steel bunk, with springs, and is provide, with three fine woolen blankets, a comforter and a bed sack. This bed sack is filled with clean straw and must be replenished once a month with fresh straw. The danger of disease has been minimized to the lowest possible degree, every precaution being taken to insure healthful surroundings.

Speaking of the quality of the food served at the encampment, Captain Repman stated that he had heard reports from public sources to the effect that the men were not being provided with the proper kind of food. He characterized his statement as untruthful and extremely harmful in its influences. "You may say for me," he remarked, "that better food than that which is being served to the men at Camp Sherman is not procurable in this whole land." This utterance, coming from such a source ought to set at rest the fears entertained by some of the parents of soldiers to the effect that their sons were suffering from lack of proper food. Captain Repman stated that a part of his duties is to make a medical inspection of the cooking department. These visits are not scheduled, but are entirely unannounced. The regimental cooks are graduates of government cooking schools, and are, as the speaker said, "the best in the land." Captain Repman then related an account of his last inspection of the regimental kitchen, made a few days before he left camp. He said that he found the cooks busy, preparing the following menu: Roast beef, boiled potatoes, (pared), peas, baked apples, pie and bread and butter, which was to comprise the evening meal. "Such meals," said the speaker, "are not special, but general." He then related some interesting anecdotes of cantonment life, and spoke of the stern, though necessary discipline, which played so important a part in the process of evolution of the raw recruit into the finished soldier.

In closing his remarks, Captain Repman paid a fitting tribute to the sterling character of the officers in charge of the cantonment. General Glenn is the commanding officer, while Colonel Warfield, who began military life as a private, is commanding officer of the regiment of which Captain Repman is so important a part. An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his interesting address. Recitations, which constituted interesting features of the morning's exercises, were given by Marguerite Beaver, Marjorie Brown, Ethel Strauser and Mary Elizabeth Daniel.

Capt. H. J. Repman spoke at Chapel in the high school this morning, the exercises partaking of a patritic character. The students sang the National Anthem and other familiar patriotic airs, while the address of Capt. Repman dwelt particularly on the Y. M. C. A. work and the moral and physical efficiency of the men at Camp Sherman. He said there were 11 Y. M. C. A. buildings at Camp Sherman, one general headquarters with an auditorium capable of seating 3,000 people and ten other buildings located in different parts of the cantonment. Capt. Repman's address was listened to with the greatest interest, giving as it did an insight into the life of the soldier as it is lived at the different military camps.

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For this is an advertisement and so many people do not read advertisements. Still this is the most peculiar one you ever read. In the first place it won't cost you one cent to come to see me and I will give you a free Chiropractic adjustment. Before I do I shall analyze your spine, and tell you where your trouble is.

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LITERARY PROGRAM AT HIGH SCHOOL

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the literary societies of the Charleroi high school occurred Friday afternoon, when the following interesting program was presented by the members of the Athenaeum Society:

Music, Hich School Orchestra.

Debate, "Resolved: That LaFollette, in his speeches and actions, is a traitor to his country." Affirmative, Ewing Trnavsky; negative, Charles Kramer.

Violin Solo, "Fifth Air Varie," (Danola) Clifford Crawford.

Essay, "William Cullen Bryant," Louise Collins.

Reading, "The Death of the Flowers," Florence Clark.

Selection, "Me and My Gal," High School orchestra.

CHARLEROI NEWS

This Case Has a Hint For Many Mail Readers.

A Charleroi woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills.

She has found them as represented.

She wishes her neighbors to know.

She publicly recommends them.

No need to look further for a test-ed kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here, and can be investigated.

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If you want fresh fish call at the People's Cash Meat Market, 521 McKean avenue. 119-t2

Notice.

The Veteran Guard and comrades will assemble at thecorner of Fifth street and McKean avenue Tuesday morning, Nov. 6 at 9 o'clock sharp, to escort the remains of Thomas H. Tomlinson, late of Company A. 110th Regiment, also of the 103rd Signal Corps, from therailroad station to his home on Fallowfield avenue. Also to escort the body from his late home to the station at 6:30 p. m. The Veteran Guard drum corps and honorary members are respectfully invited to join with us to pay our tribute of respect to one of the first to fall in the line of duty. J. Wise, commander.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miksch and children of Monaca visited over Sunday with relatives in Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Pittsburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schempp of McKean avenue.

Quotations from William Cullen Bryant, Evelyn Warrensford, Catherine Mogan and Jack Mathias.

Music, High School orchestra.

The program throughout was very interesting. The debate was decided Cormick, Miss Rodgers and Miss Roat were the judges, with Miss Laird as critic of the afternoon's exercises. Clifford Crawford was enthusiastically encored for his violin sold, and responded with an arrangement of Trotere's "In Old Madrid." Miss Sara Winer officiated as accompanist for the musical selections. The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon, November 16 at 2:30 o'clock, when the program will be in charge of members of the Adelphian Society. Parents and friends of the pupils are cordially invited to attend these metings.

CLAIRTON SWAMPED BY CHARLEROI TEAM

The Charleroi high school football team fairly smothered the Clairton team in a game played in the latter town on Saturday afternoon last. The locals had hoped to have Connellsville as an attraction at the athletic park for Saturday afternoon, but the necessary arrangements could not be made, hence the necessity of being compelled to take an outside date. The game was very much one-sided but it gave the Charleroi boys a good work-out, the final score being 51 to 0. The team lined up as follows:

Charleroi—51		Clairton—0
Schmeler	LT	Morgan
Pollock	LT	Reel
Kible	LG	Pompetzel
Weaver	C	DeChicis
Trnavsky	RG	Brogan
Paluso	RT	Punjoe
McKenna	RE	Circo
Carson	Q	Giles
Eagye	H	Brezenay
Brown	H	Carroll
Hess	F	Rhine

Touchdowns—Carson 3, Eagye 2, Parent 1, Hess 2. Goals from touchdown, Eagye 3.

Substitutes—Parent for Brown; Clark for Trnavsky, O'Brien for Kibler, Wagner for McKenna.

On Friday afternoon next the local team will play against the strong Washington high team at Washington, this date being selected as many of the followers of both teams are anxious to attend the game at Forbes Field next Saturday afternoon between Pitt and W. & J.

BOTH LOCKS AT NO. TWO IN OPERATION

The outer lock chamber at No. 2 was opened on Friday to through traffic, after being closed for several weeks on account of needed repairs. New wooden gates were installed as well as some operating machinery. The placing of the additional lock in commission will greatly facilitate the shipment of coal to the Pittsburg mills.

PERSONALS

Miss Emma Kauffie has returned from Philadelphia where she visited with relatives for the past two weeks.

Mrs. W. F. Hennings and Miss Katherine Minor of Barberton, Ohio, are visiting with their sister, Mrs. J. F. Laird of McKean avenue.

George Newton who went to Camp Sherman on Thursday last to visit with his son John, returned home Saturday evening. He reports affairs at the cantonement in the finest shape and says all the boys are enjoying their camp life.

Mr. and Mrs. August Fiedler left Friday for Camp Sherman to visit with their son, who is now in training at that cantonment.

Crossed the Euphrates.

The word Hebrew first occurs as given to Abraham by the Canaanites (Genesis 14:13) because he had crossed the Euphrates, the name signifying "thereof on the other side."

Classified

FOR SALE—Team of horses, wagon and harness. Inquire Frank Haywood, Dunlevy, Pa. 114-t10-p

FOR SALE—For one week at a greatly reduced price a property on Lincoln avenue. John C. McKean, agent. 116-t6

FOR SALE—House, practically new five rooms, bath, large cemented basement, furnace. Best location. Street and sidewalk paved. A bargain. Apply at once, 37 Mail office. 11-t6p

FOR SALE—Seven room house, bath, corner lot, paved street, fine location. Inquire 40 Mail office. 120-t3-p

FOR SALE—Six room house, bath, hot air furnace, Shady avenue, price $2,675. Inquire E. J. Charles, Charleroi Savings and Trust company. 120-tf

FOR SALE—One vapor bath cabinet, refrigerator, large cupboard with plate glass doors. Call Bell phone. 21-W. 121-t2p

FOR SALE—Single bed at once. Apply at 310 Second street. 121-t1p

FOR RENT—Furnished room. Inquire 39 Mail office. 119-tf

FOR RENT—One large front bed room suitable for one or two. With bath and all conveniences. Inquire 311 Third street. T-t4-p

WANTED—Drivers and platform man. Good salary to right man. Inquire Adams Express company office 119-t3p

WANTED—Solicitors for Monongahela valley 10 lady solicitors for an attractive house-to-house proposition with the largest concern in the world handling pure food products direct to the consumer. Salary and commission. Call at Branch office, 400 Fifth street, Charleroi, M. O. Borst. 120-t3-p

WANTED—Two or three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Private family preferred. Must be good location and have conveniences. Address with particulars 42 Mail office. Eod

LOST—Between Washington Avenue church and Shady avenue, a purse with sum of money. Reward if returned to 41 Mail office. 120-t2-p

Making a House a Home.

In planning a home it is essential to building satisfaction that the prospective house owner decides whether he wants to dwell in his own or some other person's home; that he decide just the sort of home he wishes to erect and follow those plans, also that he build his house on honest lines that conform to the principles of good architecture.

That Discouraged Him.

An exchange asks: "What has become of the old-fashioned doctor who used to write, 'Take a heaping dimeful of this powder three times a day?'" We fancy, brother, he was knocked out by the old Irishman who, not having a dime handy, loaded up a nickel twice and nearly croaked.—Boston Transcript.

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Every statement made in our advertisements is true. Every testimonial we publish is genuine and honest, which proves that

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Woman Tells How $5 Worth of Pinkham's Compound Made Her Well.

Lima, Ohio.—"I was all broken down in health from displacement. One of my lady friends came to see me and she advised me to commence taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I began taking your remedies and got $5 00 worth and in two months was a well woman after three doctors said I never would stand up straight again. I was a midwife for seven years and I recommended the Vegetable Compound to every woman to take before birth and afterwards, and they all got along so nicely that it surely is a godsend to suffering women. If women wish to write to me I will be delighted to answer them."—Mrs. JENNIE MOYER, 342 E. North St., Lima, Ohio.

Women who suffer from displacements, weakness, irregularities, nervousness, backache, or bearing-down pains, need the tonic properties of the roots and herbs contained in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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HAD TO FIGHT DUEL OR WED

Young Man Surprised to Receive Challenge, But More Surprised to Find Foe a Woman.

William Kenrick, a Berkshire gentleman of a hundred years ago, left his property, which was considerable, to an only daughter. This young lady had a mind of her own and, finding none of her suitors to her liking, simply determined to wait until the right gentleman should come along.

It so happened that one day she attended a wedding at Reading, an exchange relates, where she met a young gentleman named Benjamin Child. He was a poor attorney. With this handsome young man the younger lady fell violently in love, but still she was cautious. She reasoned with herself for several days, trying to shake herself free of the sudden passion, but all in vain. Then, feeling that something must be done, but unable, from confusion of mind, to devise a proper course, she took the extraordinary step of sending the young man a letter demanding satisfaction for alleged injuries. She appointed a time and place for the hostile meeting. Mr. Child was much surprised, and quite at a loss to conceive who the challenger could be. By the advice of a friend, he decided to go to the dueling place. Here he was met by the young woman, who, much to his surprise, told him he would have to fight her or marry her. He naturally chose the latter, and, as the saying goes, they lived happily ever afterward.

FIRST STEAMERS ON LAKES

The Ontario and the Frontenac, Launched 101 Years Ago, Were Constructed in 1816.

The first steamboats on the Great Lakes were launched 101 years ago on Lake Ontario. Two craft operated by steam were constructed in 1816 on the shores of the latter lake, one being the Ontario, built at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., and the other the Frontenac, which was launched at Ernestown, Canada, on September 7, 1816. The Frontenac was one of the finest steamboats afloat at that time. It cost $75,000, and was of 700-tons burden, its length of deck being 170 feet. The Frontenac was placed in operation 100 years ago, making three round trips each month from Kingston to York and Niagara. Capt. James McKenzie, who had had experience in the British navy, was placed in command. The Frontenac was in service on Lake Ontario for ten years, and soon had several rivals for the lake trade.

A fare of $15 was charged from Kingston to Niagara for first-class passengers, but deck passengers were carried for $3.75 a head. The freight rate was "4 shillings per barrel bulk."

The first steamship on Lake Erie was the Walk-in-the-Water, which was launched at Black Rock, near Buffalo, in 1818.

How to Keep Your Friends.

It is almost impossible to be genuinely friendly with a person who insists on being too close to you, on knowing all your thoughts, feelings and affairs, and on claiming your time and attention on the excuse of affection alone.

The bonds of true friendship must be easy and its demands must be for something real and vital. The woman who calls on you perpetually because she has taken a sudden fancy to you is a blind and selfish egotist, in a mild way. Her calls may interrupt your work and bore you intensely, but if you are a polite and courteous person you bear with her until she directs her attention elsewhere. She will probably tell the new friend that you are "very unresponsive." Some women clutch at every new acquaintance and then complain that they have so few friends. The reason is that friendship is not built on trivialties and whims, but by giving such valuable things as true consideration, real interest and manifesting a decent reserve as to the other person's confidence and nonconfidings.—Woman's Home Companion.

Rats Sworn Enemies of Birds.

The number of useful insect-eating birds nesting on the ground or in low bushes which fall victims to rats is extremely large and is one of the many kinds of injury done by these pernicious animals which cannot be computed, E. W. Nelson writes in the National Geographic Magazine. Probably few frequenters of the countryside have returned to look into a bird's nest to observe its condition without many times finding it destroyed and fragments of egg shells lying about. Unquestionably a large percentage of such nests located in the neighborhood of buildings have been raided by rats.

On one of the small Danish islands it has been authentically recorded that the progeny of a single pair of rats, which escaped from captivity, in two years exterminated a great colony of birds for which the island has been noted.

Washington's Two Birthdays.

In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII ordered that all the Catholic countries should adopt a new calendar. This calendar was correct and is at the present time in general use throughout the world. In the year that the calendar was adopted ten days were dropped. Thus the day after October 4 of the Julian calendar became October 15 in the Gregorian. This calendar was not adopted by England until 1752. Washington being born in 1732, he was twenty years old at the time the new calendar was adopted. Thus his first 20 birthdays fell on the 11th of February and the others fell on the 22nd.

Italians Excel in Art of Hand-Grenade Throwing

UNDERWOOD UNDERWOOD

Along the battle lines above Mount Podgora the Italians have won decisive victories over the Austrians at every turn, but the grenade duels between the opposing armies have shown particularly the superior abilities of the Italians. In this art they have excelled their enemies in practically every engagement. The picture shows Italian soldiers in the first line trenches throwing the hand bombs.

TO SETTLE FAMILY ARGUMENT

Friendly Wagers Between Husband and Wife Serve to Quench Frequent Dangerous Quarrels.

Here is a plan by which a great many family quarrels have been averted for a certain couple. They used to quarrel all the time.

Before, the wife would say:

"My dear, you'll make a mistake if you do so and so."

And the husband would reply:

"My darling, you are altogether too fussy. I know my business. Kindly let me alone, will you?"

Then would ensue a row of fearful dimensions that sometimes would shake the house, startle the servants and scandalize the neighborhood.

But now they do differently.

When they disagree they do it thus:

"Well, dear, if you think you're right, suppose you back your opinion? If I'm wrong I'll give you half a dozen pairs of gloves."

If she feels pretty confident she backs her opinion with a box of cigars, and the agreement is carefully signed by both and locked up. Then one or the other pays when the decision is reached. The young woman has an income of her own, so the arrangement is a fair one, which it might hardly be were she compelled to take her husband's own money to pay for his cigars.

Gambling is, of course, a wicked thing to do, but it checks wild assertions and smothers, in this case, many a fire that would burn up comfort.—New York Evening Post.

MAY USE KENTUCKY STONE

Product of Blue Grass State Believed as Good and Cheap as Bavarian Article.

It is believed that after the war is over lithographic stone quarried in Kentucky may be put on the market as cheaply as the Bavarian stone which has been the principal source of supply for a long time. Small quantities of the Kentucky stone have been sold already, but the high cost of labor in this country and the difficulty of working the stone have kept it out of serious competition with the foreign product.

The European stone occurs in thin layers, which require little but planing and polishing after being removed from the quarry. The American stone is in beds from three to ten feet thick and must be sawed into thin layers before it is ready for use.

The Bavarian quarries have been worked so long that vast piles of waste have accumulated that must be moved from time to time, thus adding to the cost of production. The American quarries have found a market for the crushed refuse from their quarries, and this by-product helps reduce the cost.

The better grades of lithographic stone bring five to six cents a pound for slabs ten by twelve inches and the poorer grades a cent and a half a pound.

What Every One Knows.

Journalism will not become a profession, because everybody knows how to run a newspaper.—Sioux City Journal.

Heaven as a State of Mind.

The kingdom of heaven is not a place, but a state of mind.—John Burroughs.

That's What It's For.

A man with a fine graphophone may be excused for putting on airs.

SPECTER OF GREAT LAKES

Many a Sailor Imagines He Sees the Bannockburn Which Disappeared in Mysterious Fashion.

One superstition that is firmly rooted in the minds of all Great Lakes navigators concerns the mysterious wreck of the Bannockburn.

"She was a big, powerful freighter, carrying a crew of 22 men. She cleared Duluth on a day in the late fall. What happened to her will never be known. She went out in the morning, and was lost sight of that evening. That was the end. For more than a year the chill waters of Lake Superior guarded well their secret. Then one day an oar was found floating along the driftwood of the bleak north shore. A piece of tarpaulin was wrapped securely around it, and when this was removed it was found that the word Bannockburn was scraped into the wood. The oar is all that remains today to tell the story of the missing freighter.

"According to the queer twist given the story by the sailors of the inland seas, the Bannockburn is supposed to be the Flying Dutchman of the Great Lakes. Sometimes at night, when the chill north wind sweeps across the swollen bosom of Lake Superior and the stinging 'ice devils' fill the air, the lookout on some lonely point calls loudly to his companions and points to where he imagines the Bannockburn, all white with ice and ghastly in the darkness, is slipping through the black mystery of the lake."

'NO GOOD OF THE OPENWORK'

That Was Why Queenie, Dark-Skinned, Put on Pair of Pink Stockings Under the Black Ones.

Queenie, seventeen, comely, a pleasant dark-brown in complexion, appeared in openwork stockings at the apartment of her employer and prepared to scrub the floor.

The labor entailed a considerable showing of stocking. The mistress of the house, glancing at this display, observed the openwork and was mystified by an extraordinary color effect.

Queenie is a very pretty negress, but she is obviously of pure African strain. Yet through the interstices of the openwork there undoubtedly were to be had glimpses of a delicate pale flesh color.

Could it be a strange example of racial admixture? Was Queenie afflicted with flesh-colored supporters for her brown body?

"What in the world, child," demanded her mistress; "you aren't pink underneath, are you,"

"Got a pair of pink stockings on underneath the black ones," grinned Queenie. "When I fust put 'em on by theirselves I didn't got no good of the openwork."

Why He Joined Air Service.

Few men, I am sure, would confess to so strange an immediate cause for joining the aviation service as that related to me by Drew, as we sat over our coffee and cigarettes, on the evening of our first meeting, writes James N. Hall in the Atlantic. He had come to France, he said, with the intention of joining the Legion Etrangere as an infantryman. But he changed his mind, a few days after his arrival in Paris, upon meeting Jackson of the American Aviation squadron, who was on leave after a service of six months at the front. It was all because of the manner in which Jackson looked at a Turkish rug. He told him of his adventures in the most matter-of-fact way. No heroics, nothing of that sort. He had not a glimmer of imagination, he said. But he had a way of looking at the floor which was 'irresistible,' which 'fascinated him with the sense of height.' He saw towns, villages, a network of trenches, columns of toy troops moving up ribbons of road—all in the patterns of a Turkish rug. And the next day, he was at the headquarters of the Franco-American corps, in the Champs Elysees, making application for membership.

Unfortunate Force of Habit.

Two girlhood friends were exchanging confidences over their afternoon tea.

"I saw you in church, dear, yesterday," murmured the younger one.

"Oh, you were there? I didn't see you," gurgled the other.

"Yes. And I was glad to see that you finally induced your husband to accompany you to divine worship."

"Yes, Frank came along with me. He'd much rather go to the theater, but the theaters are not showing anything on Sundays now. But he disgraced me."

"Really? In church? How pray?"

"The minister read four chapters from 'The Acts of the Apostles,' and my husband insisted on going out after every act.—Harper's Magazine.

Food Economy.

The advice of Herbert C. Hoover regarding food economy is superfluous to certain denizens of the Bronx in New York. It was on an express subway train to that borough that one underground commuter read with seeming irreverence the rules for saving the odd ends in the kitchen.

"'Keep the ice box clean,'" he read to a companion. "Why, say, my ice box is cleaned out every night before I even get a whack at it, and I have to send out to the delicatessen for my dinner. And look at these rules for economy. Take it from me, there's only one way to economize these days. Send the wife and the young 'uns on a visit to the kinfolks, put the dog on half rations and go home for dinner with anybody who asks you."

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Can't Help Wondering.

Parisian fashion leaders of the gentler sex have taken up the fad of tinting their complexions to match the hues of their dresses. We just can't help wondering how the lady with a plaid dress is going to meet the exigency.—Youngstown Telegram.

Water From Underground.

Southern Belgium is likely to secure a great water supply from an underground lake which was discovered a short time ago. At present it is dependent on rain-water.

Wireless on Bicycle.

A resident of Nottingham, Eng., has mounted a wireless telegraph plant on his motorcycle and has received messages as he was moving over the roads.

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